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"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND."

1 Strike sections 2 to 4, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October
4 fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
6 Analysis shall issue a consensus revenue estimate for the current
7 biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal years. If no agreement on a
8 revenue estimate is reached by October fifteenth, the Auditors of
9 Public Accounts shall, not later than October twenty-fifth, issue an
10 estimate of state revenues for the current biennium and the next
11 ensuing three fiscal years. In issuing the estimate required by this
12 subsection, the Auditors of Public Accounts shall consider the revenue
13 estimates provided by the Office of Policy and Management and the

14 legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, and shall issue an estimate based
15 on such revenue estimates, in an amount that is equal to or between
16 such revenue estimates.

17 (b) Not later than January fifteenth annually, April thirtieth
18 annually and July fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of
19 Policy and Management and the director of the legislative Office of
20 Fiscal Analysis shall issue revisions to the consensus revenue estimate
21 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or a statement that
22 no revisions are necessary. If no agreement on revisions to such
23 revenue estimate is reached by the required date, the Auditors of
24 Public Accounts shall, not later than five days after the failure to issue
25 such revisions, issue a revised estimate of state revenues. In issuing the
26 estimate required by this subsection, the Auditors of Public Accounts
27 shall consider the revised revenue estimates provided by the Office of
28 Policy and Management and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis,
29 and shall issue an estimate based on such revised revenue estimates, in
30 an amount that is between such revised revenue estimates.

31 (c) If (1) a revised consensus revenue estimate pursuant to
32 subsection (b) of this section is issued in January, April or July of any
33 fiscal year, (2) such revised consensus revenue estimate has changed
34 from the previous consensus revenue estimate to forecast a deficit or
35 an increase in a deficit greater than one per cent of the total of General
36 Fund appropriations for the current year, (3) a budget for the
37 prospective fiscal year has not been approved by the General
38 Assembly and signed by the Governor, and (4) the General Assembly
39 is in session, then the General Assembly and the Governor shall take
40 such action as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

41 (d) (1) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly
42 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and finance,
43 revenue and bonding shall, if the deadlines for favorable reports for
44 said committees are on or before the tenth business day after a revised
45 consensus revenue estimate is issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this
46 section, prepare and vote on appropriation and revenue bills, if

47 necessary to conform to such revised estimate.

48 (2) The Governor shall provide the General Assembly with a budget
49 document, prepared in accordance with the requirements of chapter 50
50 of the general statutes, if necessary to conform to a revised consensus
51 revenue estimate issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The
52 budget document required by this subdivision shall be issued not later
53 than twenty-five calendar days after a revised consensus revenue
54 estimate is issued in January, and not later than ten calendar days after
55 a revised consensus revenue estimate is issued in April or July.

56 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than five days after the
57 effective date of this section, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
58 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
59 Analysis shall issue a consensus revenue estimate for the biennium
60 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. If no agreement on a
61 revenue estimate can be reached by such fifth day, the Auditors of
62 Public Accounts shall, immediately thereafter, issue an estimate of
63 state revenues for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
64 June 30, 2011. In rendering the estimate required by this subsection, the
65 Auditors of Public Accounts shall consider the revenue estimates
66 issued by the Office of Policy and Management and the legislative
67 Office of Fiscal Analysis, and shall provide an estimate based on such
68 revenue estimates in an amount equal to or between such revenue
69 estimates.

70 (b) Not later than ten days after the effective date of this section, the
71 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
72 of matters relating to appropriations and finance, revenue and
73 bonding, shall prepare and vote on appropriation and revenue bills, if
74 necessary to conform to the consensus revenue estimate prepared
75 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and the Governor shall
76 provide a budget document, prepared in accordance with the
77 requirements of chapter 50 of the general statutes, if necessary to
78 conform to such consensus revenue estimate.

79 Sec. 4. Section 2-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the
80 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

81 (a) All bills carrying or requiring appropriations and favorably
82 reported by any other committee, except for payment of claims against
83 the state, shall, before passage, be referred to the joint standing
84 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
85 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, unless
86 such reference is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of each
87 house of the General Assembly. Resolutions paying the contingent
88 expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be referred
89 to said committee. Said committee may originate and report any bill
90 which it deems necessary and shall, in each odd-numbered year,
91 report such appropriation bills as it deems necessary for carrying on
92 the departments of the state government and for providing for such
93 institutions or persons as are proper subjects for state aid under the
94 provisions of the statutes, for the ensuing biennium. In each even-
95 numbered year, the committee shall originate and report at least one
96 bill which adjusts expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year in such
97 manner as it deems appropriate. Each appropriation bill shall specify
98 the particular purpose for which appropriation is made and shall be
99 itemized as far as practicable. The state budget act may contain any
100 legislation necessary to implement its appropriations provisions,
101 provided no other general legislation shall be made a part of such act.

102 (b) The state budget act passed by the legislature for funding the
103 expenses of operations of the state government in the ensuing
104 biennium shall contain a statement of estimated revenue, developed in
105 accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, itemized by
106 major source, for each appropriated fund. The statement of estimated
107 revenue applicable to each such fund shall include, for any fiscal year,
108 an estimate of total revenue with respect to such fund, which amount
109 shall be reduced by (1) an estimate of total refunds of taxes to be paid
110 from such revenue in accordance with the authorization in section 12-
111 39f, and (2) an estimate of total refunds of payments to be paid from

112 such revenue in accordance with the provisions of section 4-37. Such
113 statement of estimated revenue, including the estimated refunds of
114 taxes to be offset against such revenue, shall be supplied by the joint
115 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
116 matters relating to state finance, revenue and bonding. The total
117 estimated revenue for each fund, as adjusted in accordance with this
118 section, shall not be less than the total net appropriations made from
119 each fund. On or before July first of each fiscal year said committee
120 shall, if any revisions in such estimates are required by virtue of
121 legislative amendments to the revenue measures proposed by said
122 committee, changes in conditions or receipt of new information since
123 the original estimate was supplied, meet and revise such estimates
124 and, through its cochairpersons, report to the Auditors of Public
125 Accounts any such revisions."